

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
)	ADAPTER UNIT AND METHOD
Stephan Schaade et al.)	
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Application No.: 10/586,232)	Group Art Unit: 2614
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Filed: July 18, 2006)	Examiner: Quoc Duc Tran

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE
ACTION FILED AS SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219
April 9, 2009

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 10, 2008 in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants initially appealed the Final Office Action and the appeal is currently pending before the Board of Patent Appeals. With the filing of this Request for Continued Examination, Applicants will withdraw the appeal.

Applicants are filing herewith a Request for Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and fee for the Request for Continued Examination.

The Examiner's rejections have been carefully considered, and in view of the following remarks, reconsideration and early allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this Response.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page12 of this Response.